

Elfenworks Foundation Spring eNewsletter



We'd like to extend a special invitation to join us next week, on Monday, March 30th, when *A Concert for Hope* is screened at the

[Reel Women Film Festival](#) in Beverly Hills. It's simply the next in an exciting line-up of events taking place in the next few months. We hope to see you at one of them!

Silver Lei Awarded to *A Concert for Hope*

HONOLULU, HI. - *A Concert for Hope*, a film directed by Lauren Speeth that captures the music and voices of the opening of [the Center for the Study of Poverty and Inequality at Stanford University](#), received a Silver Lei Award for Excellence in Filmmaking from the Honolulu International Film Festival.



Hours before the awards ceremony on March 9th, the film made its public debut as part of a double feature at Waikiki's Sunset on the Beach. Hundreds of people spent a beautiful evening on the beach watching *A Concert for Hope* and *Pursuit of Happiness* starring Will Smith. Is our current economic crisis making Americans more empathetic towards the plight of others? We hope so.

Save the Date: October 15, 2009

Mark your calendars now. On Thursday, October 15 at 7:00 pm The Elfenworks Foundation will pay tribute to the 2009 recipients of the [In Harmony with Hope Award](#). The awards ceremony will be held at the Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA) at Finn Center in Mountain View, California. This year we honor the following three remarkable men, and we invite you to join us in October as we celebrate their achievements.

Greg Boyle, Founder, Homeboy Industries, Los Angeles, CA



Father Greg's [Homeboy Industries](#) is a one-stop shop for those who have decided to leave the world of gangs behind. It provides addiction and recovery programs, a full range of educational services, anger management training, etiquette and courtesy classes, day care programs (and parenting classes), job counseling and placement, and tattoo removal services. Two hundred former gang members help manage and run the entire operation, which includes a bakery, a cafe, and silkscreen, maintenance and retail shops that fund about a third of Homeboy Industries' operations. For 20 years Fr. Greg has been a beacon of hope in a blighted landscape; his efforts have changed the lives of more than 100,000 people.

Robert Egger, Founder, DC Central Kitchen, Washington, DC



Twenty years ago, Robert Egger founded the [DC Central Kitchen](#), and turned the food bank model on its head. Instead of providing a simple handout, Egger uses food as a vehicle for change: clients become employed cooks through the Kitchen's Culinary Jobs Training Program; college students learn about service and business in the Campus Kitchen Project; and 4,500 of DC's hungry are fed as the Kitchen recycles more than one ton of food every day. The Kitchen also provides street outreach and nutrition education for at-risk kids. Today, Egger also works to galvanize the nonprofit industry, pushing for reform and a place on the national stage.

Peter Young, Founder, Peter Young Housing, Industries & Treatment, Albany, NY



For half a century, Father Peter Young has helped inmates and parolees overcome their addictions. [Peter Young Housing Industries and Treatment](#) (PYHIT) evolved out of Fr. Young's firm belief that effective recovery is only possible if treatment is followed up with housing and jobs training. Fr. Young has forged successful public-private partnerships across New York State. The network of treatment, housing and job training programs spans 100 sites. Three thousand people rely on services from PYHIT every day. PYHIT boasts a recidivism rate of less than 10 percent. In all, Fr. Young has helped hundreds of thousands move from addiction to becoming tax-paying members of society.

CPR Launch Garners National Attention

The Collaboration for Poverty Research (CPR), a joint project of Harvard and Stanford universities brokered by The Elfenworks Foundation, received national press attention in late January. The Associated Press carried news of the collaboration, which was picked up by newspapers across the country, from Massachusetts to California. See our [Elfenworks newsroom page](#) for more information and links.

Calendar

March: The Elfenworks Foundation film *A Concert for Hope* will be screened at the Reel Film Festival for Women in Beverly Hills on March 30, 2009 at 10 pm. The screening will take place in Laemmle's Music Hall 3, 9036 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, CA. To purchase tickets, visit [Reel Women Film Festival](#).

April ~ Mills College: The Center for Socially Responsible Business at the Lorry I. Lokey Graduate School of Business at Mills is hosting its first annual conference on Friday, April 10, 2009. Entitled "It Pays to be Nice: Economic Models to Encourage Corporate Social and Environmental Responsibility," the conference brings together leaders who have engaged in socially and environmentally responsible business practices. For more information on this free, all-day conference that was made possible through a grant from The Elfenworks Foundation, visit www.mills.edu/csrb/conference.

May ~ Stanford University: The Center for the Study of Poverty and Inequality (<http://www.inequality.com>) is partnering with "Microfinance, CA" to present the first state-wide conference highlighting microfinance as a smart investment for California on Thursday, May 28th at The Frances C. Arrillaga Alumni Center at Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA. Visit www.microfinancecalifornia.org to learn more and register.

Resources

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